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Consulate of the United States.
Havana May 13th 1856.

Hon: William L. Marcy
Secretary of State
of the United States.
Washington.

Sir.

I had the honor to receive on the 4th Inst. the despatch from the Department, dated 19th ult°., to which I shall refer at the end of the present quarters.

I now beg leave to draw your attention to the Statement, (appearing on 2nd page of the official Gazette of Havana of the 7th Inst, herewith enclosed) of the Revenue collected by both the maritime and land Custom Houses of Cuba, in the month of February 1856, which shows an increase of $91,124. 93¾ cts over the Amount received in the same month of 1855. {Revenue of Cuba in Feby 1856

I also refer you to the officiale Gazette (likewise enclosed herewith) of the 10th Inst. giving a statement of the ingress and egress of the funds of {Municipal ingress & egress in 1854 —

the various municipalities of
this Island.

I have the honor to remain
Sir, with great respect
Your Obt Servt.

Wm C Sherstead
acting Consul

U. S. Consulate
Havana may 13th 1856
Wm H. Robertson, actg Consul
No 45

Two Copies of the
Havana Official Gazette
enclosed ——

Received.

acknowledge receipt of Despatch
from Dept of 19th Apl. 1856.

Revenue of Cuba in Feby 1856.
Increase over amt in same
month 1855 —

Municipal funds
of Cuba. Ingress & Egress
year 1854 —

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No 43.

Consulate of the United States.
Havana May 7th 1856.

Hon: William L. Marcy
Secretary of State
of the United States.
Washington.

Sir.

I have the honor to lay before you the Returns of vessels for the quarter ending 31st December 1855, which have been completed only today, as I had to wait for the clearance of a single vessel that arrived in the latter part of December, and was despatched on the 5th Inst.

Returns of vessels for quarter ending 31 Dec 1855

You will perceive that the great length of the document is owing to the enumeration of the cargoes imported and exported by each vessel - unsatisfactory as it is, it is all that I can give you. You will notice how impossible it would be to give, in a port like this, the valuations of the goods imported and exported, which are known only to the Custom House and the consignees. The document in

Cause of the length of the Returns

Impossibility of furnishing valuations

question has given me great trouble, and I fear, to little purpose is far as the cargoes are concerned.

Causes why Report on Imports of Havana for 1855 has not been sent—

I have been anxious and ambitious to send you a report on the imports of Havana for 1855. but it has been out of my power, owing to the want of data, and time. I assure you, Sir, that very often I cannot get through the current business of the office before 7 in the evening and sometimes later, even with the additional assistance employed.

I have the honor to remain Sir, with high respect
Your Obt Servt

Wm H Howard
acting Consul

U. S. Consulate
Havana May 7th 1856.
Wm. H. Robertson, acting Consul
No 43.

One enclosure -
Received.

Enclosing Returns of vessels
for quarter ending 31st Dec 1855
with remarks about the
impropibility of giving valuation
&c ——